

Application No. 10/508,955
Amendment dated **December 17, 2007**
First Preliminary Amendment

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Docket No.: 80653(47762)

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 12, and 15 through 18 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 10 are amended by this response. Claim 6 is canceled by this response. The support for the claim amendments is as follows: Claims 1 and 10 (Specification page 18 lines 8 through 13). No new matter is added.

Applicants request that the above amendments be entered in addition to the Amendment After Final Action Under 37 C.F. R. 1.116 filed November 15, 2007.

As an initial matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the interview on December 12, 2007. Applicants appreciate the consideration provided by the Examiner.

The Advisory Action of November 27, 2007, states a new 112, 2nd paragraph issue was created with the prior submission because of the amendment to claim 6. Claim 6 is canceled by this amendment.

The Advisory Action states that the claims as previously submitted on November 15, 2007, were not commensurate in scope with the arguments that the adhesive material is supplied from a pool of hot melt adhesive between the applicator roller and the metering roller. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended.

Applicants submit that none of the references cited in the Office Action of August 15, 2007, disclose placing a pool of hot melt adhesive above the rollers to control the quantity or distribution of the hot melt adhesive applied onto the rollers or placing the hot melt adhesive on the top surface of the material to be coated as in the claimed invention. The Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C.102(b) and 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections.

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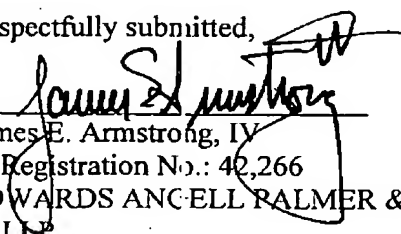
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In view of the above amendment, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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